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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES,

S. P. LANGLEY, SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., May 6th, 1890.

Professor Sereno Watson,

Herbarium of Harvard University,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 1st instant, relative to certain packages forwarded by you in November last to Professor Caruel at Florence, Italy, I have the honor to say that these parcels formed part of one of our regular transmissions to Italy which left here on December 27,1889, and was acknowledged by the Italian Exchange Commission at Rome on April 15,1890.

The boxes containing the stones and plates for the "forest trees of the United States" have been delivered and a formal acknowledgment will be sent to you by the registrar of the Smithsonian Institution.

Very respectfully yours,

& A Laughey,

Secretary.